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## Releasing Oriental Legacy in AIOC



Dignitaries releasing **Oriental Legacy** (Speeches of AIOC General Presidents of past 50 sessions) (From left) **Prof. Madhusudan Penna**, Local Secretary AIOC, **Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi**, Hon'ble VC, KKSU, Hon'ble **Shri. Nitinji Gadkari**, Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Hon'ble Vice President of India **Shri Venkaiya Naiduji**, Hon'ble **Shri Nitinji Raut**, Minister of Energy, Govt of Maharashtra, **Prof. Gautam Patel**, President AIOC 50<sup>th</sup> Session, **Prof. Saroja Bhate**, General Secretary, AIOC (10.01.2020)

## Sahitya Academy Award to Prof. Madhusudan Penna !

Congratulations to Prof. Madhusudan Penna !



Our esteemed Faculty member & Sanskrit Mahakavi **Prof. Madhusudan Penna**, Dean, Faculty of Indian Religion, Philosophy & Culture received prestigious **Sahitya Academy Award for his Sanskrit Mahakavya Prajnachakshusham** in New Delhi on 25th February 2020.

वैदर्भीमाश्रिताः सर्वाः कला विद्याश्च सन्तताः । प्रथितानां यशमूलं वैदर्भी रीतिरुत्तमा ।। – प्रा. मधुसूदन पेन्ना



Saraswat Yatra

09-01-2020



The AIOC began with Saraswat Yatra. Respected **Shri Shreesh Deopujari**, Akhil Bharatiya Sanghatan Mantri of Sanskrit Bharati flagged off Saraswat Yatra. Most Respected personality in the Sanskrit Field **Prof. Satyavrat Shatriji** and young students of various affiliated colleges of KKSU and schools in Nagpur enthusiastically participated with decorative boards, flags and other in this Saraswat Dindi. The aura for AIOC was made with this Yatra. Age group from 10 to 90 years Sanskrit lovers participated in this Dindi. This is the most unique feature of AIOC - 2020.

Coordinator - Dr. Kalapini Agasti & Dr. Renuka Karandikar





**AIOC Inaugural Session 10.01.2020**

## ***Oriental studies contribute in promoting National Sentiments – Hon'ble Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu***



**In modern times, India is known in the world not by geography but by ancient history and culture. Indian culture and literature is being studied across various countries of the world. Oriental studies has a special contribution in promoting national sentiment among the masses said Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu**

Indian education needs to be given in mother tongue from elementary level to high school . The use of vernacular is also preferable to communicate with general public in administrative work. Britishers imposed learning English in India that suppressed other languages. English education can only lead to higher positions is the myth that needs to be rubbed from the society. There were may great people who didn't have convent education background still achieved big in life. The Vice President emphasized on the need to teach Indian history, culture, history of revolutionaries as well as art and skills as a part of syllabus. Sanskrit is the mother of all languages. Thus Sanskrit or yoga should not be seen from the spectacles of particular caste or creed rather it should be seen from educational and health point of view, said Shri. Naidu.

## ***A New Approach from Oriental Studies : Hon'ble Shri. Nitin Gadkari***

History and culture are important to the future for the country. Today Indian culture stands on the standard family system.. India and Indians are keen towards knowledge. Indians are doing good in the IT field. Chief Minister Sudhakararrao Naik and efforts of Srikant Jichkar have helped to establish Sanskrit University, Shri. Nitinji Gadkari recalled. When I went to Iran President Khamenei told me that Persian language originated from Sanskrit. At present, the study of Sanskrit is also being done in Germany. World has attraction towards oriental studies that would give new dimensions to it for sure.





### Glimpses of AIOC - Inaugural Session



Hon'ble Shri Nitinji Raut, Minister of Energy, Govt of Maharashtra addressing the audience.



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, KKSU, Ramtek delivering welcome address.



Hon'ble Prof. Gautam Patel informing about The Oriental Legacy



Prof. Saroja Bhate, delivering the address.



Prof. Madhusudan Penna, proposing word of thanks.

### Salient features of All India Oriental Conference 2020

- Centenary Year of All India Oriental Conference and Golden Jubilee Conference
- Publication of 110 books on various sciences / scriptures based on research topics
- Release of History of AIOC Documentary
- More than 2000 delegates from across India
- Mahakavi Kalidas Sanskrutvrat National Award Ceremony
- Felicitation of Various Sanskrit Scholars
- Welcome of Kalidas Literture Marathi Translation by Connoisseurs
- About 1000 Paper presentations in 17 Sections.
- Discourses / Lectures by eminent scholars of oriental studies - 'Prachyavidya-Shemushi'
- Discussion Forums - Shastratha Parishad by scholars of national level
- National level Kavi-Sammelan in Sanskrit
- National Book Fair – Participated About 55 National / International publishers and received tremendous response of book lovers
- Presentation of Cultural Programs by international repute artists
- History of AIOC through Article series published in The Hitavada written by Shri. N. R. Pattarkine
- Worldwide Publicity given by Media.



## Releasing Postal Cover & Stamp on Centenary Celebration of AIOC



Hon'ble Union Minister **Shri Nitinji Gadkari** & **Shri Ramchandra Jaybhaye**, Post Master General Nagpur releasing the **Postal Cover & Stamp** in Sammelan Samarambha. Hon'ble VC **Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi**, Hon'ble MLA **Shri Jogendra Kawade** & Respected **Prof. Gautam Patel**, President, AIOC 2020 are present.



### Valedictory

*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam espoused in our Oriental Culture has helped in preserving the Indian Values from the onslaught over the years. The eternal truth & continuous newness is what keeps our culture alive & relevant during times. I appeal all the scholars of Oriental thought to help establish vastness & depths of our values through proper research & put it across the world.*

**Padmavibhushan  
Prof. Vijay Bhatkar**

Hon'ble VC **Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi** felicitating Super Computer Creator **Padmavibhushan Hon'ble Prof. Vijay Bhatkar** in Valedictory Session of AIOC-2020.



## Mahakavi Kalidas Sanskritvrati Rashtriya Puraskar 2019

Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University in association with Pandit Ramnarayan Sharma Ayurved Research Institute, Local District Administration and Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation has conferred “**Mahakavi Kalidas Sanskrit-Vrati National Award**” in remembrance of Pandit Ramnarayan Sharma Vaidya to three eminent scholars in Sanskrit field. This award were given at the hands of Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Nitinji Gadkari - Patron of AIOC to the scholars in the inaugural ceremony of All India Oriental Conference on **10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

In the **Senior Sanskrit Scholar** category, Sanskrit Pandit and Ved Bhashyakar **Prof. Devisahay Pandeya** (Ayodhya) and Renowned Vedant, Grammar Scholar **Prof. Kandadai Ramanujacharya** (Hyderabad) and in the **Young Sanskrit Scholar** category, famous Vedant Scholar **Prof. Manishastri Dravid** (Chennai) were felicitated with Shawl, Citation & Cash Prize of Rs. 50000/-.



Prof. Manishastri Dravid, Chennai



Prof. Devisahay Pandey, Ayodhya



Prof. Kandadai Ramanujacharya, Hyderabad



**Shri. Suresh Sharma**, Managing Director, Baidyanath, Nagpur has announced Cash prize to each Mahakavi Kalidas Sanskritvrati Scholar to cherish the glory of 50<sup>th</sup> session of AIOC. KKSU extends heartfelt gratitude to Shri Sharmaji for his respectful gesture towards Sanskrit & Sanskrit Scholars.

Coordinator - Dr. Renuka Bokare, PRO, KKSU



Under the able leadership of Dr. Deepak Kapde, National Book Exhibition has organized in AIOC-2020. About 55 International National reputed book publishers in India participated in the Exhibition. A vast variety of books was exhibited and purchased by book lovers. This exhibition received huge response from book lovers. We share some highlights of the National Book Exhibition here....

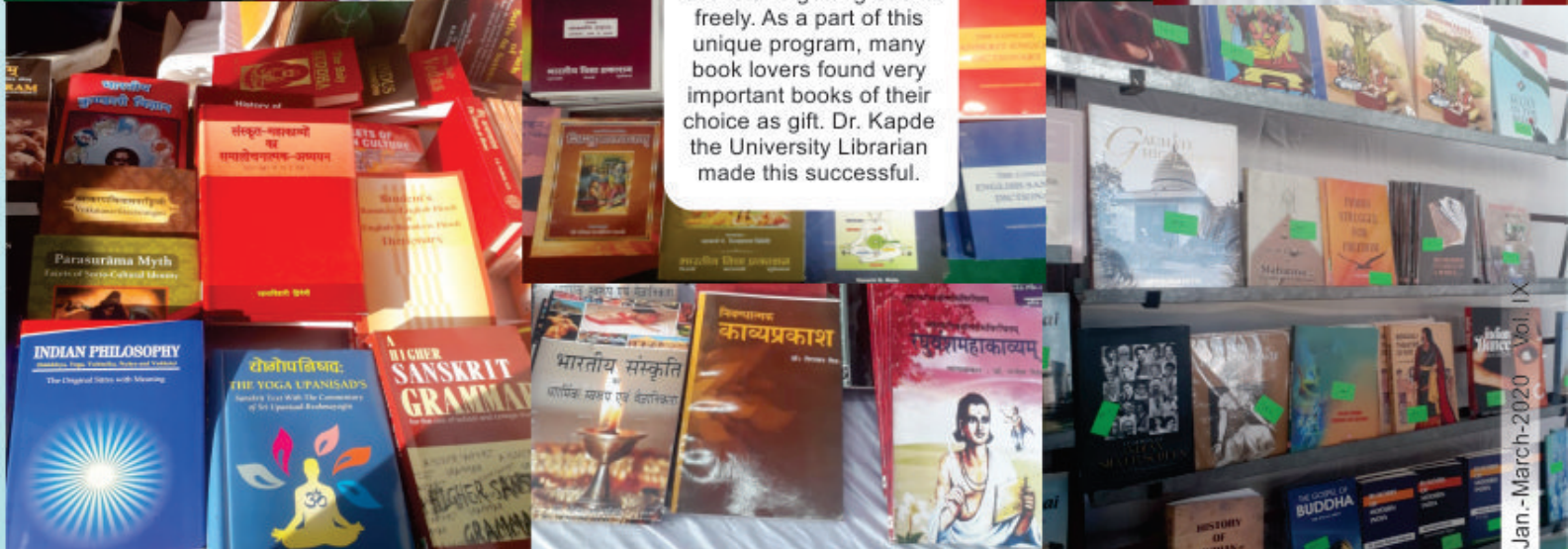
**National Book Exhibition**

10-12/01/2020



#### Granthdan

A unique program was organised during the book fair in the AIOC. Book lovers had the rare opportunity of donating books and getting books freely. As a part of this unique program, many book lovers found very important books of their choice as gift. Dr. Kapde the University Librarian made this successful.





## Shastrartha Parishad

10-11/01/2020

### Shastrartha Parishad witnesses intellectual discussions

The Shastrartha Parishad was organized on the occasion of the inauguration of the Golden jubilee Convention of AIOC. The ancient shastras were discussed in the modern context by discussing various topics and debating on them. "Innovative Theology" Abhinav Shastradhara was coordinated by Dr. Shivram Bhatt. Eminent Scholars discussed various shastra topics in Shastrartha Parishad. Glimpses of Shastrartha Parishad...



Acharya Yadupati on Nyayashastra



Acharya Veernarayana Pandurangi on Dwaitashastra



Mahamahopadhyaya Manidraavid Shastri, Adhyaksha



Acharya Kompella Ramasuryanarayana on Sahityashastra



The audience



The audience

Coordinator Dr. Shivram Bhatt



## Special Lecture Series 'Prachyavidya-Shemushi'

10-12/01/2020

To give a guidance and roadmap for the Oriental Studies & Research in India, lectures of eminent scholars in Sanskrit all over the world entitled "Prachyavidya-Shemushi" were organized. Eminent Scholars delivered their views, observations and suggestions on Oriental Studies & Research. It is really a Vidya-Treat to all the delegates and budding researchers.



Sadhhu Bhadresha Dasji



Prof. Shashiprabha Kumar



Prof. Harekrishna Shatapathy



Prof. N. C. Panda



Capt. Harsha Koraleachari



Shri. Dinesh Kamat



Prof. Radhavallabh Tripathi



Prof. Uma Vaidya



P.P. Swamiji Aatmapriyanandji Maharaj



Dr. Atul Kothari



Prof. Baidyanath Labh



Shri. Sanjeev Sirnoorkar



Prof. Dipti Tripathi



Prof. Vasantkumar Bhatt



Prof. Nagraj Paturi



Dr. Baladevanand Sagar



Dr. K. Aravinda Rao



Shri. Vijay Phanshikar



Dignitaries releasing the book on 'Western Logic' written by Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Hon'ble VC, KKSU



## Paper Presentation

10-11/01/2020

In All India Oriental Conference Delegates from across India participated and presented their scholarly papers under 17 various sections. Total 1022 delegates presented papers. Best papers received awards in the Valedictory program. Sharing some of the highlights.....



Vedic Studies



Classical Sanskrit



Pali & Buddhism



Prakrit & Jainism



History, Archaeology and Manuscriptology



Indian Linguistics & Dravidic Studies



Philosophy



Religion



Technical Science, Fine Arts, Sanskrit & Computer



Asian Studies



Modern Sanskrit



Epic & Puranas



Indian Aesthetics & Poetics



Sanskrit Journalism



Marathi Literature & Culture

Coordinator  
Prof. Kavita Holey



Sanskritam Pratidinam...!

12/01/2020

## Kavi Sammelan at AIOC gets huge response

Kavi Sammelan was organized on the occasion of the All India Oriental Conference. The poets took the Oriental Conference to a new height by presenting poems with quality content. Prof Ramakant Shukla inaugurated Sammelan. Prof. Srinivas Varakhedi, Hon'ble VC, KKSU along with other office bearers were prominently present. Prof. Rajendra Mishra was the chief guest and Prof. Ramakant Shukla and Prof. Gopabandhu Mishra were specially present.



Poet Rasaraj reciting the Sanskrit poetry.

Presenting the poem on the Vice-Chancellor's of the University, Dr. Leena Rastogi contributed fabulously. In addition, Prof. Hardatta Sharma, Prof. Devishai Pandey, Prof. Harshadev Madhav, Prof. Madhusudan Penna, Prof. Nanda Puri, Dr. Leena Rastogi, Shruti Kanitkar, Yuvraj Bhattarai and Prof. Radhavallabh Tripathi participated in the poetry extravaganza.

A wide range of topics including femininity, Pollution on earth, poet Kalidas and his compositions, Bharatmata was covered by the poets. Program was compared by Dr. Saurabh Dwivedi

Coordinator - Dr. Parag Joshi



Dr. Leena Rastogi



Prof. Nanda Puri



Prof. Ramakant Shukla



Prof. Madhusudan Penna



Shri. Yuvraj Bhattarai



Dignitaries felicitating Prof. Abhiraj Rajendra Mishra with "Madhurkavita Bhaskara" title in Kavisammelana





## Cultural Bonaza

10-11 / 01 / 2020

Coordinator - Prof. Nanda Puri

Jan.-March-2020



An appreciation letter received from  
Prof. Gautam Patel, President, AIOC - 2020

परमादरणीयः स्वनामधन्यः कुलपति-महोदयः श्रीश्रीनिवास-वरखेडी-महाभागः!

सादरं सप्रश्रयञ्चेदं विनिवेद्यते यत् पृथिव्याः मानदण्ड-सदृशेन भवता अखिल-भारतीय-प्राच्यविद्या-सम्मेलनस्य पञ्चाशत्तमाधिवेशनस्य आयोजनं सहकारि-सार्थवाह-सहितं सम्यक्तया सम्पादितम् । सकलं च कार्यजातं भवतः कमनीयतापरं मुदमयं मान्यैः च सर्वैः सम्मानीतम् ।

स्वं स्वं प्रदेशं विरह-पर्युत्सुकीकृत्य ये नागपुरं समायातास्ते सर्वे ज्ञानामृतेन भोजनेन परितृप्ताः, सानन्दं च स्वकीयमागारं पुनः प्रयाताः । सर्वेषां स्नेहमयं सम्मानं भवता भावेन विहितम् । अतः भवान् कोटि-कोटिशः अभिनन्दनार्हः इति मे नम्रापि दृढा मतिः विलसति ।

आयोजने आर्यता, विचारविनिमये विविधता, विद्यायां विशेषता, सत्कारे नवीनता, आवासे यथायोग्यता, कार्यक्रमे कान्तता, व्यवहारे परिपूर्णता च सर्वेषां सुखमयताम् आपादयितुं पर्याप्ताः । तेनाहं मोदे मोदन्ते च मनान्ति महानुभावानाम् । भवतः सप्रश्रयं सेवामयञ्च सत्कारम् अस्मान् दासायितुम् एवालम् ।

सम्मेलनं तु नागपुरे आसीत् किन्तु नागानां भयं तु स्वप्रेषि न सञ्जातम्, न वा अगानाम् आरोहणं च विहितम् । तत्र तु ज्ञाने लोभः, विज्ञाने व्यसनं, कुकार्ये क्रोधः, मैत्रिकार्ये मोहः, विद्यायां विवादः, प्रेम्णि अहमहमिका, भाषणे चोग्रता । किं बहुना, सर्वेपि दुर्गुणाः गुणायिताः । अतः धन्यवादार्हः भवान् धन्याश्च ते ये भवता सत्कार-कार्ये नियोजिताः । विशेषतश्च स्थानिक-सचिव-महोदयः स्वनामधन्यः मधुसूदन-पेन्ना-महाशयः सर्वेषां सम्मानमपि स्वकार्य-माधुर्येण अर्जितवान् । तस्य कृते तु धन्यवादादि-शब्दाः न तु न्यूनाः, किन्तु न्यूनतमाः इति मन्ये । सर्वेषां सुमङ्गलं भद्रं च भूयात् । कल्याण-परम्पराणां ते सर्वे स्वामिनः सन्तु इति स्नेहेन सर्वेश्वरः सम्प्रार्थ्यते ।

विद्यायाः गदिता पुराणप्रथिता प्राच्या गुणैर्गुम्फिता,  
तस्याः द्वि-प्रतिवार्षिकं मुदमयं सम्मेलनं योजितम् ।

सिद्धं सर्वगुणं सुखैक-निलयं जातं परं शोभनम्,  
प्राप्तं ज्ञानमयं मुदाऽमृतमयं ज्ञानामृतं भोजनम् ।

किं ब्रूमः! जिहेति मे जिह्वा । शब्दानामपि सामर्थ्यं कुण्ठितम् । शब्दात् परं चाद्भुतं मया तु अनुभूतम् । अतः नन्दनन्दनं कोटिकन्दर्प-पूर्णलावण्यम्, आनन्दकन्दं, नित्यनूतनं रम्यातिरम्यं भव्यातिभव्यं परमानन्द-पर्यायभूतं श्रीकृष्णचन्द्र-भगवन्तं भवतां कृते प्रार्थये -

आस्ये ते प्रथिता गुणौघ-सहिता शब्दावली स्थीयताम्,  
कार्यं ते कमनीयता-परमिह हैमाद्रिवच्चोच्चकम् ।

भावास्ते हृदि सर्वथा सुखमयाः भक्त्या परं भाविताः,  
विश्वस्मिन् सकलान् सदा सुखयितुं विद्या च ते वर्धताम् ॥

विदुषां वशंवदः पटेलोपाह्वः गौतमः

दिनाङ्कः - १४-जान्युआरि'२०२०







# V-P emphasises on imparting education till high school in mother tongue

■ M Venkaiah Naidu  
Inaugurates the 50th  
session of AIOC and  
100th Year Celebration

■ Staff Reporter

EMPHASISING the need to impart education in local language, the Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu urged all Central and State Governments to impart education till high school in their respective mother tongues.

Inaugurating the 50th session of All India Oriental Conference (AIOC) and its centenary celebrations at Suresh Bhat Auditorium in Reshimbagh on Friday, the Vice President pointed at the recommendations in Dr K Kasturirangan Committee report that suggests changes in current education system. "Every Vice Chancellor, professor, academician and politician of the country should work for positive improvement in our education system as per the recommendation," he added.

Asserting that no nation would make progress if it neglects its history, the Vice President wanted the education system to be revamped to include the real Indian history and stories about heroes such as Sant Tukaram, Sant Dnyaneshwar, Narayan Guru, Alluri Sitaramaraju and Veerapandiya Kattabomman and others. The Vice President also called for increasing use of Indian languages in education, administration and in daily life.

Warning that the culture and



Vice-President of India M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurating the 50th Session of AIOC at Suresh Bhat Auditorium while Nitin Gadkari, Dr Nitin Raut, Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Prof Gautam Patel, Prof Saroja Bhate and Prof Madhusudan Penna also look on. (Right) Jam packed Suresh Bhat Auditorium during the inauguration function. (Pics by Satish Raut)



V-C of KKSU Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi presenting portrait to Vice-President of India M Venkaiah Naidu while Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and others look on.

## 'Prachyavidyashemushi': A session of expert lectures

RESEARCHERS and experts of various languages and specially Sanskrit talked on 'Prachyavidyashemushi' on Friday. The research scholars, students and people of Nagpur got chance to be a part of this session.

Lalbahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit University, New Delhi Vice-Chancellor, Prof Rameshchandra Pandey was the chief guest of the session. KKSU Founder VC Dr Panikaj Chande presided over the session.

Mahamahopadhyay Swamiji Bhadrash Das delivered a lecture on 'Akshar Purush Darshan'. Prof Arvind Rao, Prof Kutumbashastri, Dr Baldevramdas Sagar, Suresh Soni, Harekrishna Shripadhi, Prof Vasant Bhat, Prof Shrikant Bahulkar, Prof Nagraj Patil and Vijay Phanshikar, Editor, The Hitavada was also present.

being undertaken in Germany, while India was not paying ade- of Vice President along with AIOC Volume during the event. A

## Experts discuss ancient science in modern context at Shastrarth Parishad

THE Shastrarth Parishad that conducted on day-one of AIOC, discussed the ancient sciences in the modern context by experts came from world-wide. "Innovative Theology" Abhinav Shastradhara was discussed by Shrivani Bhatt during the session. This session was headed by Mani David Shastri. He also raised some doubts, guiding the scholars involved in the study.

Yadupati, a thirteen-year-old child practitioner, was the center of interest among the students who participated in this seminar. He expressed his views on the issue of neo jutice. Ancient grammar was discussed by Brishbhushan Ojha, Dr Ganesh Ishwari Bhat put forth his thoughts on Advaita Vedanta and many more intellectual debates and discussions were held. Prof Madhukar Basole, Former Director, VNIT dedicated fund of Rs 5 lakh to the Shastrarth Parishad in remembrance of his father. Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi with the chief of the Swaminarayan Temple, Mahamahopadhyay Bhadrash Swamy, along with the universi-

## Prof Pandey, Prof Ramanujacharya, Pandit Manishastri Dravid honoured

KKSU conferred 'Mahakavi Kalidas Sanskrit-Vrati Rashtriya Puraskar' to Prof Devisahay Pandey, Prof Kandade Ramanujacharya and Pandit Manishastri Dravid for their contribution in Sanskrit during the AIOC Conference on Friday.

KKSU conferred this prize in association with District Administration and Maharashtra Paryatan Vikas Mandal. The awardees bagged a cash prize of Rs 50,000 each, shawl, shreeful, memento and a certificate.

Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi presided over the event while Union Minister Nitin Gadkari was the chief guest of the event. Harishchandra Agrawal, Chief Postmaster General, India Post was also present during the event.



Pandit Manishastri Dravid receiving 'Mahakavi Kalidas Sanskrit - Vrati Rashtriya Puraskar' at the hands of Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and other dignitaries.



Prof Kandade Ramanujacharya receiving the award.



Prof Devisahay Pandey receiving the award.

# Shashtraarth Parishad, book exhibition mark Day Two of AIOC

■ Staff Reporter

THE Day-two of All India Oriental Conference (AIOC) organised by Kavikulaguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University (KKSU) witnessed various events and activities like the 2nd Shashtraarth Parishad, book exhibition, lecture series, paper presentations and cultural programmes.

The 2nd Shashtraarth Parishad took place at Dattapada Thergill Hall, Suresh Bhat, Reshimbagh on Saturday in which Prof Mani David Shastri presided over. Prof Kandas Subramanyam, Dr Narayan Patel, Prof Veerapandiya Pandurang, Prof Koppala Huma Suryanarayana, Prof Ranga Ramanujacharya, Pandit Manishastri, Dr



Prof Mani David Shastri presiding over the Shashtraarth Parishad while other experts also share the day. (Pics by Satish Raut)

Chandrasekhari Joshi and Shastri K S were the chief speakers of the Parishad.



In his presidential address, Mani David Shastri congratulated all the participating speakers, he mentioned that although

it was difficult to share whole subject in a limited time, the speakers have made sincere efforts. Also, new books were released during the Parishad. CS-FA students made portraits of guests of the Parishad which was appreciated by all.

Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor of KKSU, was prominently present during the event. A large number of students and research scholars were present to understand the new perspective through the scriptures.

AIOC's national book expo attracts book lovers

THOUSANDS of people thronged into the National Book Exhibition held on the occasion of AIOC at Reshimbagh Convention-Security, Kavi Kalidasa Sanskrit University (KKSU), that it has organized a treat of ample reading material. Nagpur book lovers must get a treat of ample reading material.



Book lovers going through the variety of books available at the National Book Exhibition at AIOC on Saturday. (Right) Some participants taking part in the drawing contest.



AIOC's national book expo attracts book lovers



BEING 50th session of AIOC, the KKSU has tried to make the session eco-friendly. "Green and Clean" theme is followed by all the volunteers and staff of the University making it as green event. It has made the maximum materials required for the conference is eco-friendly manner. Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi gave guidance and inspiration to promote, propagate for this eco-themed conference. He has taken initiative and given suggestions to create the Green Team under the leadership of Varada Mahaj who is ahead of KKSU and strive hard for environmental issues.



A cultural programme 'Goda Mahatmaya' was held on the 2nd day of All India Oriental Conference on Saturday.



Kalidasa's Green Team has gone completely plastic free by replacing plastic items by some alternative ones. Registration included plastic bag, paper pen, I-Card without Plastic Cover. The premises were made eco-friendly by ensuring least use of plastic and other pollutants. Single use plastics is avoided as much as possible during the whole conference. Even the cutlery is not of plastic. Alternatives are used instead. Plastic bottles (PET) if used will be used for recycling. This entire set of efforts are made so that the entire event remains green and clean. Mahagandhargopriya had under the leadership of Prof Varakhedi, Prof Madhusudan Penna with the help of Prof K Pandey, Dr Prang Joshi, Pratik Kulkarni and Prof Pandurang to make the event eco-friendly.



## Various Programs organized by University

### Blood Donation Camp (03.01.2020)



Students and faculty members participated in Blood donation camp.



A guest delivering address in the inauguration program of Blood Donation Camp

### Sankramanotsava (20.01.2020)



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi delivering Presidential address in Sankramanotsava

### Republic Day (26.01.2020)



Hon'ble VC Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi giving salute to the Indian Flag on Republic Day



All the staff members with Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi reciting Indian Pledge on Republic Day

### SWAYAM WORKSHOP

KKSU organized One day Workshop on SWAYAM Course-registration, Examination and Certification for the University Departments students. The workshop was coordinated by University's SWAYAM unit. The Coordinator, Dr. Rajendra Jain guided the students about the courses. During the session, 140 students registered and learned the courses through online mode and eleven of them appeared for the SWAYAM Courses exams and successfully qualified.



Dr. Rajendra Jain informing students about SWAYAM courses



## Various Programs organized by University

### Samvidhand Uddeshika Vachan



KKSU staff taking a **Samvidhan Pledge** with Hon'ble Registrar **Prof. Vijaykumar**. This program was organized by Students' Welfare Directorate.

### Wet Land Day (02.02.2020)



University's Waranga Campus organized an informative & interactive session on the occasion of Wet Land Day. The session was conducted by Our alumni **Ms Shrivarada Malge** on Environment Conservation under the guidance of Prof. Krishnakumar Pandey, Director, Waranga Campus.

### Visit of Ramkrishna Math, Nagpur (12.02.2020)



Students residing in the hostel of Ramkrishna Math, Nagpur visited KKSU Campus. Dr. Renuka Bokare, Public Relations Officer is giving information about the campus.



All the students along with Hon'ble Registrar Prof. Vijaykumar and P. P. Swami Tannishtananda Swami Vipapmananada & Santhosh Maharaj.

### Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat ( 20.02.2020)



KKSU in collaboration with Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri organized Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Program on Introduction of Oriya Culture & Lipi. **Hon'ble Registrar Prof. Vijaykumar** & Campus Director Prof. Kavita Holey interacted with Students. The Program was organized by Dr. Harekrishna Agasti, Coordinator, EBSB.

### Students Achievement



**Gauri Sontakke**, student of KKSU bagged First Prize in State level Research Paper Presentation Competition organized by Mundhada Arts College, Chandur Railway, Amravati.



**14 students of KKSU** participated in **Tirupati Talent Festival** organized by Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. 14 Prizes bagged by students in various competitions.



## Various Programs organized by University

### Chhatrapati Shivaji Jayanti (19.02.2020)



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi paying rich tributes to Maharashtra's Great Warrior & Pioneer of 'Swarajya' Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on his Birth Anniversary.



Prof. Krishnakumar Pandey and students paying rich tributes to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Waranga Campus of KKSU.

### Golwalkar Guruji Jayanti (19.02.2020)



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi paying homage to P.P. Shri Golwalkar Guruji on his Birth Anniversary.

### Matrubhasha Diwas (21.02.2020)



Prof. M. Penna, Sahitya Academy Awardee – Dean, Faculty of Indian Religion, Philisophy & Culture delivering the lecture on Importance of Mother tongue.

### Waranga Bhumipujan (26.02.2020)



Hon'ble VC Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi performing Bhumipujan of Waranga Campus.



(From left) Dr. Pramod Pabrekar, Consultant, RUSA, Hon'ble MP Dr. Vikas Mahatme, Hon'ble VC Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Vijender Kumar, MNLU, Nagpur & Prof. Ramesh Chamarti, OSD, Academics, MNLU, Nagpur present at Waranga Bhumipujan.

### Marathi Bhasha Garuav Din (27.02.2020)



Chief Guest Shri. Deepak Girdhar, Head Master, Samarth High School & Junior College lighting the traditional lamp.



Shri. Girdhar delivering the speech on the Glorious Tradition of Marathi Language on the occasion of Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din.



## Various Programs organized by University

### Workshop on Emotional Intelligence (28.02.2020)



KKSU's Yogashastra Dept in collaboration with Sannidhi Alumni Association organized Workshop on Emotional Intelligence for students.

### Shikshan Samwardhan Workshop (Feb.2020)



Kavikulaguru kalidas sanskrit university in collaboration with Sanskrit Bharati organized Five days Shikshankaushal Sanvardhan workshops for Sanskrit Teachers in every corner of Maharashtra. **Prof. Vijaykumar**, Prant Mantri Vidarbha Pranta, and **Dr. Hrishikesh Dalai**, Director, ODL, KKSU have guided the teachers.

### International Women's Day

#### 1) Awareness Program on Breast & Cervical Cancer (05.03.2020)



**Dr. Manju Giri** lighting the traditional lamp while **Dr. Archana Kothari**, Hon'ble VC, **Prof. Varakehdi** & **Hon'ble Registrar Prof. Vijaykumar** present on the occasion.



**Dr. Manju Giri** & **Dr. Archana Kothari**, President, IMA delivering the lectures on Breast & Cervical Cancer respectively.

#### 2) Yoga Session for Working Women



**Dr. Kalapini Agasti**, HoD, Yoga Department and **Prof. Kavita Holey**, Campus Director, Ramtek enlightening the lamp.



KKSU's Yoga Dept. organized Working Yoga session for Ladies Staff in the University.



Interview - Prof. M. K. Shridhar

# ‘Specialisation at early stage of edn narrows students’ thought process’

■ By Vikas Vaidya

OPTING for a stream either from Science, Commerce, Arts etc at early stage of pursuing education as per the education system for specialisation is resulting in narrowing of students’ vision, felt Prof M K Sridhar, esteemed educationist, prominent member of the committee that has drafted new National Education Policy, Prof M K Sridhar.

Elaborating the point while talking to ‘The Hitavada’, Prof Sridhar said, “For instance, if a student opts for Science stream after Class X, he/she gets engrossed in science and never gets to know more about other streams which may be of his/her interest. This system of making mandatory for students to go for specialisation too early narrows the thought process of the students.”

Prof Sridhar was in the city to attend a programme organised by



Prof M K Sridhar

## SUNDAY SPECIAL

Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University (KKSU) at Nag Bhavan, on Saturday.

Prof Sridhar, Executive Director of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission (KKC), is known for formulating policies aimed at trans-

forming Karnataka into a knowledge society.

Born to M R Krishnamurthy, a cloth merchant, and M K Sumithramma, in Hindupur, Andhra Pradesh, Sridhar suffered from polio when he was four. Disability did not deter him from pursuing education though he had to stay away from parents when he was just 10. He did not look back and kept on acquiring degrees. He is a post-graduate in Commerce and has obtained Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Mysore. He has successfully guided four MPhil and eight PhD scholars. He has published thirty papers and completed 11 research projects funded by Government and Professional bodies. Presently, he is retired and settled in Bengaluru. Recognising his vast experience, he is nominated as a member of Central Advisory Board of

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## ‘Specialisation at early stage of...

Education (CABE), MHRD; All India Board of Management Studies, AICTE; Executive Council of Central University of Gujarat, as well as a member of Project Approval Board of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching, MHRD. He is also the Honorary President of Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS), an initiative of Vidyarthi Shikshana Seva Trust. He was also the Member of committee led by K Kasturirangan that drafted NEP.

“Specialisation should come in phase-wise manner. Up to Class XII there should be no specialisation. In under-graduation the specialisation should be semi, in post-graduation students should have actual specialisation and in PhD super specialisation. This won’t burden the students. In NEP we exactly did the same,” explained Prof Sridhar.

“Academic structure has to be done properly. Students should get chance to pick up the subject of their choice. It may happen that after Class X their horizons get widened. One of our esteemed members likes Mathematics and music as well. Same is the issue with the students too. One while studying Physics can develop liking for Economics so he or she should be allowed to do so. We at NEP made it clear that curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular

should be treated equally,” elaborated Prof Sridhar.

When asked, how forming General Education Council (GEC) and merger of bodies like University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) into it would benefit, Prof Sridhar said, “I don’t know about the planning of the Government, but disciplined based regulations is not a good idea. Why should you have separate regulatory body for separate disciplines? There are only four things on which regulating body works -- Actual regulation, Funding, Setting standards and Accreditation. These four things are common for any stream. The experts of different streams will be there in this one body and one body would steer the education in a well manner, this is what I feel.”

Prof Sridhar had introduced Jnana Fellowship, offering young professionals a chance to work in various government departments for a short term. The programme not only offers young professionals exposure to government functioning, but also helps bring in fresh ideas into governance. After the end of tenure of Prof Sridhar, the idea also ended, but now taking cue from it, Government of Karnataka has introduced CM Fellowship which would surely evoke good response.

Shri. Vikas Vaidya, Reporter Daily Hitavada, Nagpur interacted with Prof. M. K. Shridhar on the National Education Policy. The interview published in The Hitavada on 16.02.2020.



Courtesy The Hitavada



## National Conference (14.02.2020)



Hon'ble Prof. Vedaprakash Mishra, Chancellor, Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad inaugurating the National Conference on **Opportunities and Challenges in Higher Education in the light of National Education Policy 2019** by lighting the traditional lamp.



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi felicitating renowned educationist **Prof. M.K.Shridhar**, Member, NPE



Hon'ble Prof. Vedaprakash Mishra, Chancellor, Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad delivering an impressive speech with keen observations, facts and solutions on NPE.



Prof. M.K.Shridhar addressing the gathering.



Hon'ble Dr. Puran Meshram, Ex Registrar, R T M Nagpur University addressing the audience as Chief Guest in Valedictory session.



Prof. Varakhedi, Hon'ble VC delivering Presidential address



Prof. Lalita Chadratre, Dean, Faculty of Education & other miscellaneous branches, KKSU delivering welcome address while Dr. Kirti Sadar giving introductory remarks. Dr. Rajashri Meshram, coordinator of the Conference proposed vote of thanks.

Coordinator - Dr. Rajashri Meshram, Asst. Prof., Department of Education, KKSU



## Various Programs organized by University

### Joint Director visit to B.Ed. College



**Prof. Lalita Chandratre**, Dean, Faculty of Education welcoming Government Inspection Committee Members for B.Ed. & M.Ed.



**Dr. Hrishikesh Dalai**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Education appraising about the Education Department.

### Women Cell



**Prof. Anagha Ambekar**, Coordinator, Women cell with other faculty members present during Installation of Sanitary Napkin insertion machine.

### NSS - Joy of giving



NSS unit of KKSU organized the **Joy of Giving** mission by donating various useful household items and clothes for needy people in Ramtek and nearby areas. Shri Sachin Dawre, Program Officer, NSS initiated this mission. KKSU Staff members & students helped wholeheartedly to this initiative.

### IUMS Training Program (06.03.2020)



**Sanjay Chaturvedi** explaining about IUMS to Hon'ble VC and other officers



IUMS team members giving training about IUMS

### Practical Session on Vastu (07.03.2020)



Vedanga Jyotisha Dept. organized **Practical Session on Vastu** by conducting site visit of Waranga Campus for students. This session was conducted by **Prof. Krishnakumar Pandey**, Dean, Faculty of Ancient Indian Sciences & Humanities, KKSU.





RUSA Committee Visit (25.02.2020)



RUSA Consultant Hon'ble Prof. Pramod Pabrekar & Prof. Shrikant Patil discussed with Hon'ble VC Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi on various matters regarding University development.



Hon'ble Registrar Prof. Vijaykumar briefing about the RUSA Fund utilization for University development.



RUSA Consultants observing the status of the infrastructure development of the University carrying under the RUSA funds.



Shri. Santosh Wadikar, Deputy Engineer briefing about the infrastructure development of the University under the RUSA funds.



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi felicitating Hon'ble Prof. Shrikant Patil and Prof. Pramod Pabrekar





Achievements of Faculty



Congratulations

Honorary D.Litt to Prof. Madhusudan Penna



Vachaspati Penna Madhusudan

Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidypeeth, Tirupati conferred **Honorary D.Litt.** to **Prof. Madhusudan Penna** for his outstanding contribution in Sanskrit field especially in Indian Philosophy.



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi felicitating **Prof. Kavita Holey**, HoD, Sanskrit Bhasha & Sahitya Dept. for **Achieving Outstanding HoD Award from Asia Today, New Delhi**



## Achievements of Faculty

## Congratulations



**Prof. Vijaykumar**, Hon'ble Registrar & Dean, Faculty of Veda & Vyakarana delivering keynote address on Script Tradition of India organized by Shri Shankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala.



**Dr. Dinakar Marathe**, HoD, Vedanga Jyotisha Dept. delivering lecture on Ancient Methodology of Town Planning.



**Dr. Hrishikesh Dalai** invited as a Resource Person in Five days Shikshan Kaushalya Samvardhan Workshop for Sanskrit teachers organized by Dr. Desarda Public School, Aurangabad organized in collaboration with KKSU.



**Dr. Parag Joshi** presented a research paper on Critics & Criticism in India with special reference to Sutra & Bhashya Literature of Veda & Vedangas on 25-27.02.2020

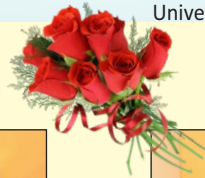


**Five students of KKSU** have participated in Internship Program organized by National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi



**Prof. Anagha Ambekar & Dr. Renuka Bokare** participated in National Workshop on Safe Campus organized by Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.

## Achievements of Officers



**Shri Kailash Moon & Shri Avinash Fusate** receiving Promotion order at the hands of Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi.





## Hon'ble VC with dignitaries



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi presenting Coffee Table Book to Hon'ble MHRD Minister **Shri. Ramesh Pokhariyal (Nishank)**



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi presenting Coffee Table Book to Hon'ble **Shri Uday Samantji**, Minister, Higher & Technical Education, Maharashtra



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi interaction with **Shri. Sadananda Gauda**  
Hon'ble Minister



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi welcoming **Shri Vidyadhar Sardeshmukh**,  
Superintendent Engineer, Nagpur



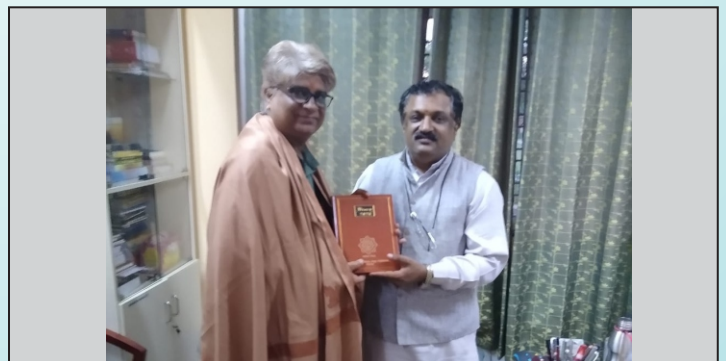
Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi felicitating **Prof. Vijender Kumar**, Hon'ble VC,  
Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi with **Pratap Chandra Sarangi**, Minister of State in the  
Government of India for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Micro,  
Small and Medium Enterprises & **Shri. D.P. Anant**, Board Member, TTD, Tirupati



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi with newly appointed Academic Council  
members from left **Shri Dharmendra Turkar**, **Dr. Bhau Dandade**, **Prof. Vijaykumar**,  
Hon'ble Registrar, **Prof. Prasad Joshi**, Hon'ble VC, Deccan College  
(Deemed University), Pune, **Dr. Manmohan Upadhyay** & **Dr. Lalitkumar Tripathi**



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi felicitating **Shri. C.M. Modak** for AIOC  
Coverage through lenses.



## Hon'ble VC at various Programs



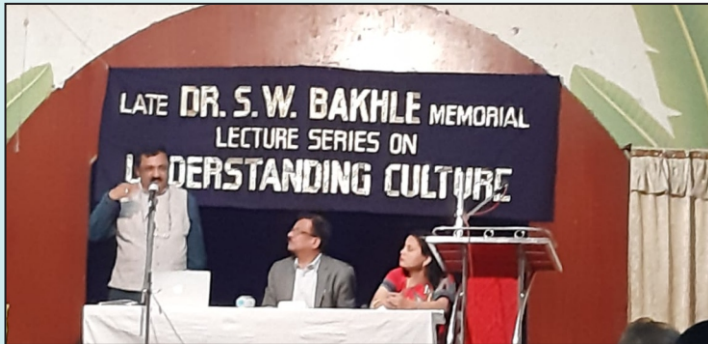
Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi Vice President of Samskrit Bharati giving guidance in Akhil Bharatiya Sameeksha Goshthi organized by Samskrit Bharati Kerala 7.02.2020



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi invited as a Keynote Speaker in International Conference on Tradition of Commentaries & the Dynamics of Knowledge organized by Soamanth Sanskrit University, Veraval. 11.02.2020



Hon'ble VC Prof. Varakhedi Vice President of Samskrit Bharati giving guidance in Sameeksha Goshthi organized by Nagpur chapter of Samskrit Bharati. 8.3.20



Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Hon'ble VC, KKSU delivering Dr. S. W. Bakhle Memorial Lecture on "Vadkatha - Argumentation for seeking the Truth" organized by International Centre for Cultural Studies (19.02.2020)



Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Hon'ble VC, KKSU inaugurating National Conference on Rediscovery of Sanskrit organized by Canara College, Chikmagalur (February 2020)

## The University marching towards change...

### Major Developments :-

- Advertisement for Recognized Institutes for Specialized Studies (RISS) & Online Distance Learning Centre (ODL) is published on 25th February 2020.
- Due to lockdown regarding COVID 19, Maharashtra Govt issued a circular regarding Work from Home recently. Obeying this circular KKSU's All Teaching & Non Teaching staff are working from home. Online Meetings are carried out with all faculty members and non-teaching staff from time to time under the chairmanship of Hon'ble VC and Hon'ble Registrar.
- Due to COVID 19, KKSU has postponed all the exams commencing from 20th March & 20th April 2020. Circular issued by Exam Section.
- As social responsibility and our commitment to society, KKSU's all staff members have donated One Day Salary to Hon'ble Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

## Achievements of Faculty, Officers & Students

**Dr. Kirti Sadar** - \* Worked as a Co- chairperson for Paper presentation session in National conference at Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha dated 20/02/2020.

\* Contributed as a Resource person in Faculty Development Program at Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha dated 13/03/2020

**Dr. Renuka Bokare** has completed Refresher Training Program for Public Relations Officer organized by Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA) Pune during 2nd to 4th March 2020

**Mrudula Kale** bagged Best Research Paper Prize in AIOC 2020 in the section Marathi Sahitya & Sanskriti.



## Sanskrit is the language of spirituality: Dr Madhusudan Penna

'SANSKRIT' is the most scientific language for interpreting, explaining and presenting spirituality in its original form,' said Dr Madhusudan Penna while discussing with Dr Hemant Lodha during the open discussion session at VLF on Sunday at Chitnavis Centre. Expressing concern over the present situation when Indians are considering Sanskrit as a foreign language and English as their mother tongue. Dr Penna said, "Sanskrit is a language of divine. Sanskrit is still maintaining its existence since last 10,000 years. It will also keep on existing in future too."

Stating that spirituality has nothing to do with language or religion, he said, "Experience (anubhav) and expression of these experiences (abhivyaakti) are the two parameters for development of any civilisation. Words are tools to express experience. How? is the science and expression of why? metaphysics. Spirituality which is a journey of in on both anubhav and abhivyaakti. Sanskrit is the in the world which has clearly explained science. This is why Sanskrit is a language of spirituality." (A book penned by Hemant Lodha was released on



Dr Madhusudan Penna interacting with Dr Hemant Lodha during open discussion.

## सार्थक जीवनासाठी शिक्षणाचे महत्त्व

• प्रो. श्रीनिवास वरखेडी यांचे प्रतिपादन • इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विद्यापीठाचा दीक्षांत समारंभ

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शिक्षण केवळ जीवनात आनंद मिळविण्यासाठी नाही तर जीवन सार्थकी लावण्यासाठी महत्वाचे आहे. शिक्षणाचा अर्थच ज्ञानप्राप्ती करणे आहे. ज्ञानाचे हस्तांतरण म्हणजे शिक्षण नव्हे, असे मत कवी कालिदास संस्कृत विद्यापीठाचे कुलगुरू डॉ. श्रीनिवास वरखेडी यांनी व्यक्त केले.



इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय मुक्त विद्यापीठाचा ३३ वा दीक्षांत समारंभ नुकताच पार पडला. याप्रसंगी प्रमुख अतिथी म्हणून ते बोलत होते. या कार्यक्रमाला केंद्रीय मानव संसाधन मंत्री योगेश्वर पोखरीवाल प्रमुख अतिथी होते. त्यांनी दिग्गज येंपुन विद्यापीठाचे प्रतिपादन केले. यावेळी विद्यापीठाचे कुलपती प्रो. नागेश्वर राव यांनी विद्यापीठाचा अहवाल सादर केला. हा समारंभ हिस्टॉरी महाविद्यालय, सिविल लाईन्स, नागपूर येथे पार पडला. याप्रसंगी ११२०० विद्यार्थ्यांनी

नाकारती गेली नाही. गुरू एक व्यक्ती असते त्याप्रमाणेच व्यापक अनुभव घ्यायचा झाल्यास संपूर्ण विश्वच गुरुस्थानी आहे. भारत हा एक विशाल आणि सर्वाधिक लोकसंख्या असलेला देश आहे. त्यामुळे यात शिक्षण देणे केवळ पर्याप्त नाही. यासाठी दूरस्थ शिक्षण हा अतिशय चांगला पर्याय आहे. अशा शिक्षणात नवनवे प्रयोग राबविण्यात येत असल्याने यातले उत्तर कमी होते आहे.

याप्रसंगी कार्यक्रमात डॉ. रोकडे, डॉ. शंकर तत्त्वदास, डॉ. रमेश ठाकरे, डॉ. पी. टी. झुसता, डॉ. आर. पी. ठाकरे, डॉ. नागपूर, प्रो. विवेकदत्तकाराणी आदी गणमान्य लोकका सहभागी झाले.

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## अमेरिकेतील संस्कृताध्ययनाचा चढता आलेख



अमेरिकेतील संस्कृत विद्यापीठाचे कुलपति डॉ. श्रीनिवास वरखेडी यांनी अमेरिकेतील संस्कृत विद्यापीठाच्या चढत्या आलेखाबतून विद्यार्थ्यांना केली होती. यावेळी डॉ. श्रीनिवास वरखेडी यांनी अमेरिकेतील संस्कृत विद्यापीठाच्या चढत्या आलेखाबतून विद्यार्थ्यांना केली होती. यावेळी डॉ. श्रीनिवास वरखेडी यांनी अमेरिकेतील संस्कृत विद्यापीठाच्या चढत्या आलेखाबतून विद्यार्थ्यांना केली होती.

## संस्कृत विद्यापीठाच्या शैक्षणिक परिसर इमारतीचे भूमिपूजन

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## कालिदास विद्यापीठातर्फे कोरोना प्रतिबंधात्मक सूचना

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## KKSU Waranga holds event to mark 'International Wet Land Day'



Participants guests at the programme organised to celebrate 'International Wet Land Day'.

Staff Reporter  
KAVIKULGURU Kalidas Sanskrit University (KKSU) Waranga premises recently organised 'International Wet Land Day' at its premises. Director Prof Krishnakumar Pandey presided over the event.

and languages other than Sanskrit, Prof Nanda Puri and Head of the Department of Sanskrit Language and Literature, Prof Kavita Holay were also present.

Prof Krishnakumar Pandey spoke on the different issues like pollution, natural disaster, biodiversity and said "It is a need of the hour to preserve the water bodies, lakes and nature."

Former student, Shrivara Malge gave information about the natural disasters and conservation of environment.

Prof Pallavi Kawale conducted the proceedings and proposed vote of thanks.









## Brief Report of Vice-Chancellor's Diary

January 2020		February, 2020		March, 2020	
Date	Activity/Engagement Details	Date	Activity/Engagement Details	Date	Activity/Engagement Details
01.01.2020	Administrative work 4.00pm - Documentary review work	01.02.2020	Duty Leave- to attend Meeting of Board of Management, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati at 3.30pm	02.03.2020	3.00pm- Meeting with Dr. Kalapini Agasti, Dr. Parag Joshi, Dr. D. Marathe regarding felicitations of Prof. Madhusudan Penna 3.30pm- Meeting with Shri. Vijayendra Pandey, AR, Project 4.00pm- Meeting with representative of Auropath 4.30pm- Meeting with IUMS Team
02.01.2020	11.00am - Meeting of all Teaching & Non-teaching staff members reg. AIOC 2.00pm - Meeting with Dy. Registrar Academic & College Section 3.00pm - Meeting with Registrar 3.30pm - Meeting with Addl. Local Secretary, AIOC Dr. Harekrishna Agasti & Dr. Kalapini Agasti	02.02.2020	Sunday-Holiday 10.00am- 23rd Convocation of Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati	03.03.2020	Administrative work 10.30am- Dr. Manjusha Kulkarni Meeting. 11.00am- Meeting with Finance & VCO to consolidate budget. 12.00pm- Meeting with Dr. Dalai, Director-ODL 12.15pm- Meeting with Mr. Sawant, Supdt., Ph.D. Cell 1.00pm- Meeting with Methodox Architect & Planner for design of VC Chamber 2.45pm- Photo-session with students who attended Human Right Internship 3.00pm- Meeting of Board of Deans
03.01.2020	11.00pm - Meeting with Office bearers of Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal - Ref. 9517447767 12.00pm - Meeting of Waranga Development at Nagpur 2.30pm - AIOC Special Meeting - Ref. Dr. Harekrishna Agasti Administrative Work	03.02.2020	10.30am- Meeting with PRO 11.00am- Meeting with OSD 11.30am- Meeting with Registrar & Dr. Roshan Alone, Assistant Registrar, Establishment Section 23.00pm- Meeting with Controller of Examination Administrative work	04.03.2020	Administrative work 10.30am- Meeting of ODL Advisory Committee, Ref. Dr. Dalai Sir, Director, ODL 12.00pm- Meeting with OIKOS Pune & visit to Waranga Campus with Ms Ketaki & Anup Jaipurkar 3.00pm- Meeting with Ms. Rani Nair, Project Manager, Maha-IT 4.00pm- Meeting with Prof. Behade, Ex Vice-Chancellor, Rasoni University, Ref. Mr.V.Pandey, AR 4.10pm- Meeting Prof. Akhilesh Peshwe & Shri. Thegandi 4.20pm- Meeting with Ms. Gitanjali Kelkar - Ref. Dr. Bokare 4.30pm- Meeting with Shri Yogesh Nikam - for English Lecturer, Ref. Dr. Bokare
04.01.2020	Administrative work 11.00am to 1.30pm - AIOC Saraswat Shobha Yatra & Inauguration Committee Meeting at Nagpur 2.30pm to 3.30pm - AIOC Sammelan Samarambha & Book Exhibition Committee Meeting at Nagpur 4.00pm to 6.30pm- Press Conference AIOC at Nagpur - Media Committee -PRO	04 & 05.02.2020	Visit to UGC, Delhi for pending grants of XII Plan & One -time catch-up grant Visit to Office of MHRD, New Delhi for grants Visit to Vice-President Office, New Delhi for extending letter of thanks and photo album of AIOC	05.03.2020	Administrative work 10.30am- Meeting regarding IUMS with Shri. Rajiv Mishra & Ms. Rani Nair, Project Manager (Maha-IT) 11.00am- Meeting with Registrar 11.30am- Meeting with Mrs. Anagha Ambekar, Assistant Professor 12.00pm Meeting with Controller of Examination 02.00pm- Meeting of all statutory officers, section heads with IUMS Team 3.30pm- IUMS Go Live Inauguration Administrative work
05.01.2020	Sunday-Holiday 11.00am to 12 noon - AIOC Meeting of Paper Presentation Committee in Nagpur Office 12.00 to 1.00pm - AIOC Meeting of Shastrartha Parishad committee in Nagpur Office 1.00 to 2.00pm - AIOC Meeting of Special Lecture Committee 3.00 to 4.00pm - AIOC Meeting of Cultural program committee 4.00 to 5.00pm - AIOC Meeting of Kavyagoshti Committee	06.02.2020	9.30am - Workshop on Catalyzing Incubation in Convocation Hall of Mumbai University, Fort Mumbai, organized by State Project Director, RUSA 12.00pm - Workshop under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Higher & Technical Education, Govt of Maharashtra in Firozshah Mehata Management Council Hall of Mumbai University, Fort Mumbai	06.03.2020	10.30am- Meeting with Dr. Kapde & Dr. Renuka Bokare 11.00am- Meeting with Registrar & Dr. Roshan Alone, AR, Establishment 11.15am- Meeting with Dr. Kirti Sadar, HOD, Education & Dr. Dalai, Director, ODL 11.30am- Meeting with Dr. Kalapini Agasti, HOD, Deptt. of Darshan 12.00pm- Meeting with Shri Kailash Moon, Dy. Finance Officer (IC) 12.30pm- Meeting with Mrs. Kalyani Deshkar, AR, General Administration 1.00am- Meeting with Bramhakumari Lalita Didi, Ramtek - 9588627088 2.10pm- Visit of Staff & Students of Yoga Mahavidyalaya, Chandurbazar 2.30pm- Awareness Program on Cancer and its vaccination to mark International Women's Day, 2020 4.00pm- Meeting with Shri. Lohajai Sawant, Supdt., Ph.D. Section, Administrative work
06.01.2020	11.00am - AIOC Election Committee Meeting in Nagpur Office 12.00noon - AIOC Food Committee Meeting in Nagpur Office	07.02.2020	1.30pm- Key speaker on Liberal Art, Session Chaired by Prof. K. Kasturangan at Suresh Bhat Sabhagruha, Reshimbag, Nagpur 4.00pm- Meeting of Waranga Campus New Construction work-Ref.Prof.K.K.Pandey	07.03.2020	10.30am- Meeting with Registrar 11.30am- Meeting with Shri. Vijayendra Pande, AR, Project 12.00pm- Meeting with Shri. Sumit Kathale, AR, Planning & Development 12.30pm- Meeting with OSD Administrative work
07.01.2020	12.00noon - AIOC Accommodation Committee Meeting in Nagpur Office 1.00pm - AIOC Guest Committee Meeting in Nagpur Office	11.02.2020	Duty Leave- National Seminar, Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, Veraval, 11, 12, 13 February, 2020	09.03.2020	Appointment with Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai
08.01.2020	Meeting with Organization Committee in Nagpur Office	12.02.2020	Duty Leave- National Seminar, Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, Veraval, 11, 12, 13 February, 2020 1.30am- Ph.D. Viva-Voce Yogashastra & Dance (Expert-Dr. Shakuntala Gawade, Dr. K. Suvarchala, Hyderabad)	11.03.2020	10.30am- Meeting with Registrar 10.40am- Meeting with Shri. Sumit Kathale, AR, Planning & Development 10.45am- Meeting with Dr. Dalai, Director, ODL 11.00 am Meeting IQAC & RFRF Dr. Kavita Holey 2.30pm- Meeting with Shri. Santosh Wadikar, Dy. Engineer 2.50pm- Meeting with Shri Anil Tamgade, President, Universe Public Service College, Maregaon Administrative Work
09.01.2020	Meeting with Organization Committee in Nagpur Office Saraswat Yatra Inaugural - 4.00 pm, Hedgewar Smriti Bhavan, Reshimbag, Nagpur	13.02.2020	2.40pm- Photo-session with students for winning medals in Khasdar Krida Mahotsav 3.00pm- Meeting of BoD, Room No. 12, Academic Building Administrative work	12.03.2020	11.00am- Vidya-varidhi Viva-voce of Manjiri Vaidya & Pallavi Kawale, Dept. of Sanskrit Sahitya 11.30am- Meeting for website updation with Shri Pankaj Dawande & Team 12.30am- Meeting in Ramtek to take review of progress of work in Waranga 2.30pm- Board of Examination Meeting Ref. Dr. Shivhare, CoE 4.00pm- Meeting Dr. Vinod Indurkar - 9326173982 Administrative Work
10.01.2020	AIOC 100th year 50th session at Nagpur AIOC Inauguration by Hon'ble Vice-President of India at Suresh Bhat Sabhagruha, Nagpur	14.02.2020	10.30am- Meeting at Waranga Campus with PWD officials 12.00pm- Guest of Honour, 33th Convocation of IGNOU Regional Centre Nagpur 3.30pm- Online meeting with Chinmaya Vishwavidyalaya 4.30pm- Meeting with IUMS Team at Waranga Campus, Nagpur 6.00pm- Visit to Kalpana Pande's Residence, Nagpur Administrative work	13.03.2020	Duty Leave- To deliver Key-note address, Two-Day National Seminar on 'Publication of Sanskrit Academy' Sanskrit Academy, Osmania University, Hyderabad
11.01.2020	AIOC 100th year 50th session at Nagpur - Various sessions & Programs 2nd Saturday-Holiday	15.02.2020	11.00am- Meeting of Academic Council Administrative work	17.03.2020	Duty leave- 4.00pm- 79th Meeting of Board of Management, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi
12.01.2020	AIOC 100th year 50th session at Nagpur- Validictory Program Sunday-Holiday	17.02.2020	10.30am- Meeting at Waranga Campus with PWD officials 12.00pm- Guest of Honour, 33th Convocation of IGNOU Regional Centre Nagpur 3.30pm- Online meeting with Chinmaya Vishwavidyalaya 4.30pm- Meeting with IUMS Team at Waranga Campus, Nagpur 6.00pm- Visit to Kalpana Pande's Residence, Nagpur Administrative work	18.03.2020	12.00pm- Meeting of Finance Committee in Ramtek Office 2.30pm- Meeting with Dr. Renuka Bokare, PRO 3.30pm- Meeting with Shri Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Technical Assistant for IUMS work 4.00pm- Meeting with Prof. Krishnakumar Pandey, Director, Waranga Campus Administrative work
13.01.2020	Sanskrit Bharti Meeting, Nagpur	18.02.2020	10.30am- Meeting with OSD & PRO 11.00am- Meeting with Mr. Ajit Tukdeo from Pune, Ref. Mr. Chinmay Munje, Student-7387803492 12.00pm- Meeting with Registrar 1.00pm- Meeting with Finance Officer Administrative work	19.03.2020	10.30am- Meeting with Registrar & Controller of Examination 11.00am- Meeting with teaching staff of Department of Education 12.00pm- Meeting with Shri Ravikant Ragit, Ramtek
14.01.2020	Sanskrit Bharti Meeting, Nagpur Administrative work	19.02.2020	Holiday-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti 5.30pm - Lecture in Nagpur ICSS at Ahilya Mandir, Nagpur Ref. Prof. Mohan Kashikar, and Prof. Deshpande, PVC	20.03.2020	Administrative work
15.01.2020	10.30am - Meeting with Finance Officer 10.45am - Meeting with Dr. Renuka Bokare, Pro 11.00am - Meeting with OSD Dr. Smita Fadanvis 11.15am - Meeting with Dr. Roshan Alone, Shri. Sumit Kathale 11.30am - Meeting Dr. Rajashree Meshram & Prof. Anagha Ambekar 4.00pm - Meeting with Shri N Gharjale, Reporter, Lokmat Samachar Administrative work	20.02.2020	Administrative work	21.03.2020	Holiday for restriction of Corona Virus
16.01.2020	10.30am- Meeting with Registrar 10.45am- Meeting with Technical Assistant & PRO & OSD 12.00pm- Meeting with Deputy Engineer of the Uni. 12.30pm- Meeting with Director, Outreach Programs Dr. Lalita Chandrate 3.00pm- Meeting with Dr. Dalai, Campus Director, Dr. Prasad Gokhale, Dr. Parag Joshi, OSD Acad. Administrative work	24.02.2020	RUSA Central Committee Visit Administrative work	22.03.2020	Holiday Janata Curfu observed
17.01.2020	10.30am- Meeting with Controller of Examination 11.00am- Meeting with Bus Committee 12.00pm- Meeting with Website Committee Administrative work	25.02.2020	11.00am- Meeting with Mr. Borikar, Aditya Construction - 9890107406, Ref. Shri Wadikar 11.30am- RUSA Committee Meeting, Ref. Shri Vijendra Pande Administrative work	23.03.2020	Lock-down Online teaching sessions for PG students
18.01.2020	11.00am- Meeting with Registrar Administrative work	26.02.2020	8.00am- Bhoompujan at Waranga, Ref. Mr. Wadikar Budget Meeting Construction work under RUSA started. Administrative work	24.03.2020	Lock-down Online teaching sessions for PG students
20.01.2020	11.00am- Meeting with Controller of Examination Administrative work	27.02.2020	10.00am- Meeting with Shri Nilesh Wagh & Dr. Verulkar Madam, Yoga Vidya Gurukul, Nashik Administrative work	25.03.2020	Lock-down - Holiday-Gudi Padwa Online teaching sessions for PG students
21.01.2020	11.00am- Meeting with OSD Administrative work	28.02.2020	3pm to 5pm- Shastrartha Parishad - Kartik Sir - 8660518400 Duty Leave- Chairperson of Expert Committee of UGC to visit to Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar for grant of 12-B Status	26.03.2020	Lock-down 11.00am-Zoom Cloud App. Meeting with Deans, CoE, Campus Directors, OSD etc. 3.00pm- Zoom Cloud App. Meeting with All heads of administrative sections Online teaching sessions for PG students
22.01.2020	Duty Leave- to inaugurate the Seminar on "Contribution of Kerala to Sanskrit Education with special reference to Travancore" at Government Sanskrit College Thiruvanthapuram.	29.02.2020	Duty Leave- Chairperson of Expert Committee of UGC to visit to Gurukul Kangri Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar for grant of 12-B Status	27.03.2020	Lock-down 1.00pm - Zoom Cloud App. Meeting with all faculty members Online teaching sessions for PG students
23.01.2020	Administrative work			28.03.2020	Lock-down, Holiday-4th Saturday 3.00pm - Zoom Cloud App. Meeting with all section heads for Website Content Development. Online teaching sessions for PG students
26.01.2020	Sunday-Holiday 8.15am- Republic day function at Ramtek Campus Administrative work			29.03.2020	Lock-down, Sunday - Holiday 11.30am - Meeting for Open & Distance Learning, Ref. Dr. Hrishikesh Dalai Online teaching sessions for PG students
27.01.2020	Meeting of Sanskrit Gurukula & Sanskrit Pathashala in Ahmednagar near Pune.			30.03.2020	Lock-down Online teaching sessions for PG students
28.01.2020	12.30pm- Meeting with Principal Secretary, Dept. of Higher & Technical Education, in Mantralaya Mumbai 1.30pm- Meeting with Hon'ble Shri. Uday Samant, Minister for Higher & Technical Education in Mantralaya Mumbai			31.03.2020	Lock-down Online teaching sessions for PG students
29.01.2020	11.00am- Sanskrit Bharati Function 12.00pm- Meeting with Dr. Vijay Pawar reg. starting skill development courses at NIT Nagpur Bldg. 2.30pm- Meeting of IUMS with IUMS Team, Dr. R.J. Joshi, FAO, Dr. U. Shivhare, CoE 3.30pm- Meeting with Mr. Gaurav Taksale, Purple Media, Nagpur Administrative work				
30.01.2020	10.30am- Meeting with Registrar & Assistant Registrar, Establishment Section 12.00pm- Meeting regarding BA & MA Sanskrit Degree Course for Undergraduate student of Ayurveda Administrative work				
31.01.2020	12.00pm- Meeting for MOU with Dr. Vijay Pawar in Waranga Campus for collaboration and to establish a center for the skill development courses at NIT building, Sitabuldi, Nagpur Administrative work				



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- पुरस्कारप्राप्त्यर्थम् ऐश्वर्यम्। भवन्तं प्राप्य पुरस्कारोऽर्थं  
समाजित इति मन्ये।

धन्या इयं स्वतु विदर्भभूमिः प्राप्य भवन्तं संस्कृत-  
- कविशिरोमणिं विदर्भ-सारस्वत-कण्ठाभरणं च।

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- महाराजानां साहित्यमधिकृत्य 'प्रसाचासुषम्' इति  
महाकाव्यं प्रणीय दिगन्ताधिना महाराजस्य कीर्तिः।  
कर्मभूमेः त्रणम् अपाकृतं प्राप्तञ्च प्रसादः।

संस्कृते साधुता, साहित्ये सृजनता समाजे च सृजनता  
इति सद्गुणानां समवायः नाम पेन्ना मधुसूदनः।

"काव्येऽपि कोमलधियो वयमेव नान्ये; तर्केऽपि कर्कशाधियो  
वयमेव नान्ये" इति पाण्डितोक्तिं सार्थतां नीतवन्तः भवन्तः  
वर्धन्ताम्, मोदन्ताम्, राजन्ताम्। किम् अन्यत्

Pennal the poet par excellence

Thou' reignest supreme

O! Barren of passion and mirth

Poetry and philosophy mingle on earth

May undying fame forever cling you

And get Sanskrit poetry the corporeal anew

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The Hitavada, Nagpur has taken an Exclusive Interview of Prof. Madhusudan Penna on the backdrop of Declaration of Sahitya Academy Award for his Sanskrit Mahakavya Prajnanachakshusham. "Confluence" is the platform generated by The Hitavada team for sharing the ideas, experiences by an outstanding personality in various fields. Sharing the idea of Prof. Penna behind "Prajnanachakshusham"..... 01.02.2020

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## A man on mission to spread wisdom

■ The Hitavada Team

THAT he is Dean of Faculty of Indian Religion, Philosophy and Culture at Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University (KKSU) is a small detail about him but Dr Madhusudan Penna, wordlessly, refuses to fit the bill. He is everything else but a university professor. The smile on his face never wanes. The glint in his eye and the lilt in his expression are his constant companions. And when he speaks, he never gives even a hint that he is a Sahitya Akademi Award winner poet whose Sanskrit epic 'Pradnyachakshusham' (Vision of the Intellect) woven around life and work of Sant Shri Gulabrao Maharaj brought to him not just the award but also a global acclaim. But when he starts speaking, knowledge with the gravitas of wisdom just flows ceaselessly - on his hero and Guru Gulabrao Maharaj, on Sanskrit literature, on Indian philosophy mixed invariably with ancient and modern sciences, Dr. Penna assumes certainly saintliness - with a strong, mesmerizing pull taking everybody along, no matter if others are philosophically or scientifically oriented or not.

At 'The Hitavada' programme 'Confluence' that offers a platform to persons of substance an opportunity to interact with the editorial staff, Dr. Penna does not mind a little praise of what he stands for, but dismisses any excess of it with a near-invisible wave of hand. And then he starts his matter-of-factly yet wonderfully communicative statement, demonstrating his inexplicable nonchalance about exclamation writ large on people's faces.

Obviously, Dr. Madhusudan Penna has come with an idea of winning over hearts as well heads. And when he leaves, he leaves behind admirers among journalists who generally refuse to be impressed - as part of their professional disinterestedness.

Without doubt, Sant Gulabrao Maharaj is his hero and mentor. Committed as he is to spreading his wisdom, Dr. Penna declares the task as the mission of his lifetime. He says, he got introduced to the saint-poet only when he came to Nagpur as an adult,

steeped in Sanskrit as well as 'sanskrit'. As if destiny was waiting for that moment, Dr. Penna got hooked to the saint who went blind as an infant, but ended up writing as many as 134 books in a short life of just 34 years, and created in the process a global following of devotees of the 'Madhuradvait' (of 'romantic' association with the Lord) Sampradaya.

Asserts Dr. Penna, "A student brought some books and I read some of his literature, I was amazed. The books were in Marathi and the language was new to me. I understood some part. I started reading those books, and realised Gulabrao Maharaj was extraordinary. I felt Gulabrao Maharaj was a real *tapasvi*, having done *tapasya*, which in Sanskrit means going beyond one's physical and psychological limitations."

Of course, his iconic Guru did not get proper attention from the scholars and litterateurs of Vidarbha. But Dr. Penna has words of gratitude even for that, in a way, in tune with his accommodative nature. He says, "They left it for me to do the work and that won me the Sahitya Akademi Award." The actual difficulty was that much of writing about Shri Gulabrao Maharaj was in Marathi, a language that Dr. Penna did not know when he came to Nagpur. But cope he did with that challenge successfully, adding to his linguistic repertoire one more language. Today, he speaks Marathi as fluently as his mother-tongue Telugu. Other languages he has mastered, besides Sanskrit of which he is one of the foremost global scholars, are Hindi, English, as well as German. As he speaks, one gets a good deal of idea of what kind of an international scholar one is listening to. References flow in a rich abundance, quotations - mostly in Sanskrit - add a new glamour to his statement, and an amazingly successful effort to amalgamate ancient scientific wisdom expressed so well in old texts with modern scientific postulates emerges before one's vista. In Dr. Penna's analysis of how human thought has progressed despite barriers of time, geography, history and



Dr Madhusudan Penna

ideologies, names like Aryabhata, Agast, Einstein, Bohr, Vivekananda stride in and out with elan typical of their tribe.

Then came his recent trip to Canada for the World Sanskrit Conference whose experience Dr. Penna recalls with a lot of verve. "When I went to Canada and spoke about Gulabrao Maharaj, I could properly present his philosophy. People accepted my presentation. They were thrilled. The audi-

ence became spellbound. They told me that in their entire life, they had not got to hear so much about an Indian who contributed so much to philosophy."

Dr Penna is master of many things, young, energetic, inspiring. He knows how to grow, how to glow and do something useful. At the same time he is humble. He bubbles with enthusiasm as he expands his understanding of Gulabrao Maharaj, and starts delving

in higher zones of philosophy and its inseparable connect with science.

The story of Gulabrao Maharaj belongs to an altogether different genre, Dr. Penna says. "Everybody gives excuses of some or other adversity. How many adversities can one be made to face! Have a look at the life of Saint Gulabrao Maharaj. He was blind, born to a poor family of a farmer, did not get parental love by normal standards. He did not have any guru, too, who would provide him guidance. He lived only for 34 years and in that short period he wrote 134 scholarly books. The books too, are on different subjects - Ayurveda, music, literature, philosophy, science, grammar, Yoga, *Lipi*, *Vedanta*, astrophysics." Dr. Penna adds, his eyes gleaming.

What makes Dr. Penna choose spiritual subjects for his writing?

"I think there are several reasons. I came to know the spiritual element was in my family. My great grandfather took 'Sajeevan Samadhi' in our village, like Sant Dnyaneshwar did. That day is still observed as 'Aaradhanautsav' every year. So I think God is great that he gave me opportunity to be born into this holy family," explains Dr Penna.

Not only does Dr Penna attribute the credit of his transformation to Gulabrao Maharaj but also to his mother. His grandmother told Dr Penna some stories, told about upasana, mind control etc when he was a child. That made a great impact on him. As she cooked on the traditional chulla, his mother told him stories of Sant Dnyaneshwar, Sant Tukaram, Sant Janabai, Sant Sakhubai. Those stories helped him in developing personality. That is why he owes his creations to his mother. "If you read my creation, you will find Madhusudan Bharatiya written there. My mother's name was Bharati. My mother blessed me, so I got this award," admits a down-to-earth Dr Penna.

One more factor transformed Dr Penna: His learning of Vedas. Elaborating his journey of how he learned Vedas, what he realised, Dr Penna says, "When I entered into the

world of Sanskrit, I picked up the language and applied. During the same period, I started learning Vedas. I realised, Vedas are lifelong, profound, universal. That study also taught me the importance of speech. The words assume importance too and they provide vitality to speech."

Continuing the flow, Dr. Penna says, "So while practising Yoga, I learned who is connecting to whom. The energy that is in our body flows in the universe. Hypothetically, we get connected to one another. But we are confused about what exactly we want to do. With this turmoil in my mind, around 1992, I went to Netherlands where initiation of meditation took place. It brought total change in me. Meditation takes you deep within you. Deeper you go within, better you evolve an understanding of the universe without. It is a beautiful journey."

Obviously, Dr. Penna has struggled much to reach his present level - and that shows. That also has been a great journey on which he got both in abundance - appreciation and criticism. But he is his own critic. "If I were to write my epic 'Pradnyachakshusham' now, I would do so differently, perhaps far better," he states with no intention to garner compliments. As he reaches the end of his statement that nobody wants to conclude, he narrates a wonderful anecdote from the life of Rani Ahalyabai Holkar of Indore: Once, she asked a scholar to read out and explain 'Bhagvadgeeta' to her. The scholar began reading the very first verse - and Ahalyabai asked him to stop. "Why, Empress?" the scholar asked. She smiled and said, "Don't proceed. I have understood the essence listening only to the first line of the first verse that reads 'Dharmakshetre Kuru-kshetre ...'! Mark the words - *Kshetre Kshetre Dharm Kuru*. That's it. Thank you."

That anecdote sums up the essence of learning - all one has to stick to is 'Dharm' (not religion) of one's own in all fields - *Kshetre*! Saying this, Dr. Madhusudan Penna smiles as he steps aside after two hours of his statement and question-answer session. ■

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